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I have been following the Governments case against Microsoft and I believe the settlement should be enacted by both parties in the interest of our national economy. The tactics and market conditions that Microsoft acted on and what fostered the governments claims have clearly changed so much that any anti-trust remedy aimed at changing Microsoft's business practices will be inapplicable and ineffective now. Microsoft is clearly a player in a global competitive economy and should be allowed to exercise business practices in a effort to promote its products. As a consumer I have reaped the benefits of Microsoft success by purchasing amazingly productive software from Microsoft in the last 10 years at prices that have remained stable even though inflation has reduced the actual cost to me. Even had prices been high due to 'monopoly' power I still would have a choice of when and how much software to buy. The governments case against Microsoft however has cost taxpayers millions of dollars and is an example of a cost I am FORCED to bear. It is not my choice to spend my money this way but the choice of a few wealthy government officials and lawyers.